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Common Carrier Bureau
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Re: CC Docket 96-98
Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996
Request for Information regarding "Code Opening" Fees

Dear Ms. Alexander:

On August 19, 1997, BellSouth submitted its Response to Request for Information regarding "Code Opening" Fees. Attached to the filing were three exhibits. Exhibit B is Section 5.0 (CO Code (NXX) Assignment Functions) from the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines issued in September 1996. In April of 1997, the CO Code Assignment Guidelines were revised. Although there were no changes to Section 5 (Exhibit B) in the April 1997 revision, I have attached the April 1997 revision pages to be included with Exhibit B to the filing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 249-3392. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Theodore R. Kingsley

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- 5.2 Receive and process applications for CO codes (NXX) from within the geographic NPA for which the CO Code Administrator(s) is responsible.
 - 5.2.1 Receive NXX Code request and determine if the request is in compliance with code assignment policies and guidelines.
 - 5.2.2 Respond within 10 working days from the date of receipt of an application form by completing the response portion that is part of these guidelines.
 - 5.2.3 Review the documentation and determine if the code request is in compliance with these code assignment policies and guidelines. In cases where a code application is denied, provide specific reasons for the denial to the applicant in writing and where to make an appeal.
 - 5.2.4 Select an unassigned code for assignment.
 - 5.2.5 For electro-mechanical switches, perform technical analysis as necessary to determine the appropriate CO code (NXX) to assign.
 - 5.2.6 Perform the notification functions in jeopardy NPA situations. See Section 8.3(a).
 - 5.2.7 Maintain records on codes assigned plus those available.
 - 5.2.8 Collect and forward to NANPA records of codes assigned or used in the Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS).
 - 5.2.9 Ensure, concurrent with assignment of an NXX to code applicant, that an NPA, NXX, and the OCN of the code applicant are input to RDBS to indicate that a specific NXX has been assigned to an applicant. This will allow for additional entries into RDBS which may or may not be performed by the Code Administrator.
 - 5.2.10 Perform the code reclamation procedures outlined in Section 7.
- 5.3 At the request of the code applicant and if the Code Administrator is the authorized party to input the data, the Code Administrator will input/revise the RDBS and/or BRIDS assignment information provided by the applicant on the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request and Confirmation Forms. Authorization and/or data input responsibilities are determined on an Operating Company Number level. If the Code Administrator does not have the Administrative Operating Company Number (AOCN) responsibility for the

data inputs, the code applicant will contact Bellcore-TRA to determine the correct AOCN company and make other arrangements for entering the data into RDBS and BRIDS. See Section 1.8 of Part 1 of the request form.

- 5.4 The following functions have an impact on the accurate routing of calls and are especially applicable to both newly assigned numbers and to the reassignment of existing CO codes.
 - 5.4.1 Analyze and help resolve problems related to misrouted calls and calls that cannot be completed. Such trouble investigations should be initiated in the NPA in which the incomplete call originated.
 - 5.4.2 Track switch cutovers and code reassignments, and perform other operational functions; e.g., code reclamation.
 - 5.4.3 Ensure that the code applicant places the code in service within the time frame specified in Sections 6.3.3 and 4.4 of these guidelines. If the assigned code is not used within this time frame, the Code Administrator(s) shall request the return of the code for reassignment.
- 5.5 It is recognized that the overall code administration process, e.g., planning for number relief, is related to and will require exchange of information with the CO code (NXX) assignment process. The additional functions associated with code administration, related to CO codes (NXX) are described in Sections 7 and 10.
- 5.6 The Code Administrator may, on occasion, be requested by regulators or through INC recommendations or guidelines to set aside as reserved specific CO codes. If an applicant requests one of the set-aside codes, the Code Administrator will advise the applicant of the reasons the code has been set aside. Should the applicant be unwilling to accept any other available CO code, the Code Administrator shall respond with a Code Administrator's Response/Confirmation marked "Assignment activity suspended by the administrator." The "Explanation" section will state that the code has been set aside and will identify the body that directed the Code Administrator to do so. The applicant may then ask that body to advise the Code Administrator on whether or not to assign the requested set-aside code.

6.0 Responsibilities of Code Applicants and Holders

Entities requesting new CO code (NXX) assignments as well as entities already assigned CO codes shall comply with the following: